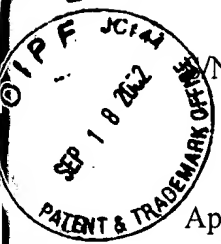


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 4-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, said period of response being extended from May 12, 2002 to September 12, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$720.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.



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